

OPINION 2084 (Case 3209)***Lesteva* Latreille, 1797 and *Anthophagus* Gravenhorst, 1802 (Insecta, Coleoptera): usage conserved by the designation of *L. punctulata* Latreille, 1804 as the type species of *Lesteva***

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the widespread usage of the generic names *Lesteva* Latreille, 1797 and *Anthophagus* Gravenhorst, 1802 for two groups of Palaearctic rove beetles (family STAPHYLINIDAE) is conserved by designating *Lesteva punctulata* Latreille, 1804 as the type species of *Lesteva*.

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Lesteva* Latreille, 1797 are hereby set aside and *Lesteva punctulata* Latreille, 1804 is designated as the type species.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *Lesteva* Latreille, 1797 (gender: feminine), type species by designation in (1) above *Lesteva punctulata* Latreille, 1804;
 - (b) *Anthophagus* Gravenhorst, 1802 (gender: masculine), type species by subsequent designation by Thomson (1859) *Staphylinus alpinus* Fabricius, 1793.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *punctulata* Latreille, 1804, as published in the binomen *Lesteva punctulata* (specific name of the type species of *Lesteva* Latreille, 1797);
 - (b) *alpinus* Fabricius, 1793, as published in the binomen *Staphylinus alpinus* (specific name of the type species of *Anthophagus* Gravenhorst, 1802).

History of Case 3209

An application to conserve the usage of the generic names *Lesteva* Latreille, 1797 and *Anthophagus* Gravenhorst, 1802 for two groups of Palaearctic rove beetles (family STAPHYLINIDAE), by designating *Lesteva punctulata* Latreille, 1804 as the type species of *Lesteva*, was received from Lee H. Herman (*American Museum of Natural History, New York, N. Y., U.S.A.*) on 6 June 2001. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 59: 191–193 (September 2002). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 2003 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 59: 192. At the close of the voting period on 1 March

2004 the votes were as follows: 23 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, no Commissioners voted AGAINST, Calder and Ng were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

alpinus, *Staphylinus*, Fabricius, 1793, *Entomologiae Systematicae . . .*, vol. 1(2), p. 526.

Anthophagus Gravenhorst, 1802, *Coleoptera Microptera Brunsvicensia . . .*, p. 120.

Lesteva Latreille, 1797, *Précis des caractères génériques des insectes, disposés dans un ordre naturel*, p. 75.

punctulata, *Lesteva*, Latreille, 1804, *Histoire naturelle, générale et particulière, des crustacés et des insectes*, vol. 9, p. 369.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Staphylinus alpinus* Fabricius, 1793 as the type species of the nominal genus *Anthophagus* Gravenhorst, 1802:

Thomson, C. 1859. *Skandinaviens Coleoptera, synoptiskt bearbetade*, vol. 1, p. 48.